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Final Mitchell decision due within week

Bono hears arguments for, against village incorporation

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

MITCHELL A judge is expected to rule within a week whether residents of unincorporated Mitchell will be

able to vote to become a village in April.

Attorneys argued Monday at a hearing in the Madison County Courthouse over whether the proposed 7.28-square-mile area would have enough of a population for Mitchell to become a

village without the consent of neighboring municipalities. James Sinclair, the attorney representing Mitchell, said several annexations on Mitchell's borders into Granite City are invalid because the ordinance supporting the annexations was not published

in a newspaper or in pamphlet form. "They put the provisions in their ordinances for publication, and they didn't do it," Sinclair argued.

Chief Associate Judge Randall Bono asked, "What

publishing tomorrow?"

Sinclair replied, "Then Mitchell would have filed for incorporation before the annexations into Granite City."

Lawyers for neighboring municipalities said there are fewer people within Mitchell's proposed borders than the 8,039

that Mitchell backers claim. By law, a village needs a population of 7,500 to incorporate without the consent of neighboring municipalities.

Several Mitchell supporters watched the proceedings in the

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Scott Cousins photo
 Alan Ortals, executive director of SWIDA, left, and State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, talk after the ribbon-cutting ceremony at SWIDA's new office in Collinsville.

SWIDA opens new offices in Collinsville

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Public officials and business leaders from throughout Madison and St. Clair counties attended a grand opening ceremony and open house for the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority's new offices in Collinsville Friday afternoon.

SWIDA, a self-sufficient development authority, provides technical, real estate and financial services to developers interested in the region, including issuing bonds to finance

development. Since it was created about 10 years ago, more than \$200 million in financing has been issued to support numerous projects.

The main office is located at 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive, a short distance from the old offices in the Magna Bank — now Union Planters' Bank — building at the intersection of Illinois 157 and Eastport Plaza Drive.

"We actually moved in about two months ago," said Executive Director Alan

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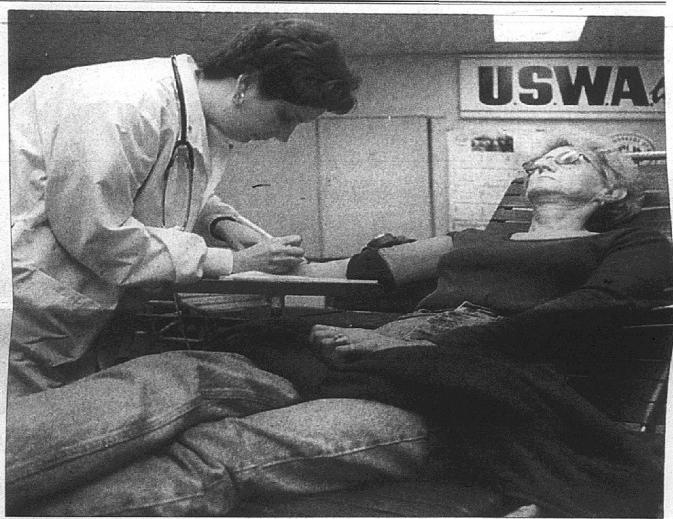
Children play role in visit Great opportunity, say area Catholics

By Val McDowell
Staff writer

Pope John Paul II has been known to have a special interest in children and in the future of the Catholic Church. As part of his custom, during his two-day stay in St. Louis this week, the Pope was to spend an important part of his time with area youth.

A major event entitled "Life of the World Papal Youth Gathering" was scheduled for Tuesday at the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.

Donna Dausman, director of the Office of Family Youth Ministries with the Diocese of Springfield, spoke of the opportunity for area children. Dausman said when planes

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Giving until it hurts
Tim Stephenson photo

Gloria Knobloch of Granite City, right, donates a pint of her blood as American Red Cross worker Melody Selby checks to be sure Knobloch is all right. Blood drives throughout the Tri-Cities and Metro-East areas have been going in full force in recent days to counteract a shortage of blood caused by the icy weather experienced in the region at the start of the year.



Tim Stephenson photo

The play's the thing

Members of the cast of the Granite City High School winter play, "The Foreigner," by Larry Shue, gather for a dress rehearsal recently. The play, which features Ryan Moenster, David Elliff, Nealie Ingram, Jacob Kamphoefer, Justin Meagher, Amy Pennell and Richard Skirball Jr., will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the GCHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 and will be available at the door. The public is invited.

Filing gets started for municipal elections

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach Trustee Randy Greenwood and former police captain Jim Denham are both attempting to unseat Mayor Glen Wilson in the April elections in Pontoon Beach.

Wilson is heading the ballot for the Continuous Action Party. Also running with Wilson are Carlene Whitehead for city clerk, Linda McFarland, building inspector Randy Viessman and Byron Wampler.

Three traditional allies of Wilson — Trustees Bob Able, Bob Vincent and Lou Whitsell — are already on the board.

Denham, who has served as acting police chief at one time, is heading the New Beginnings Party.

Running with Denham are clerk candidate Susan Daugherty and trustee

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Briefs

Veizer recital scheduled Thursday

Thirty years ago this week, Daniel Vizer of Granite City performed his first recital.

To celebrate that anniversary, Vizer will perform at a recital beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 2160 Douglas Street, Granite City.

Also performing will be soprano Linda Blumenthal, mezzo-soprano Rhonda Collins and pianist John K. Kuriger. The program will include selections from Bizet, Cesar, Nussbaum, Porter, Ravel, Wolf and others.

Vizer is currently organist and director of music at the Basilica of St. Louis — the Old Cathedral.

He has been an organist at St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth and Holy Family Catholic churches. He also was director of music at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center Chapel; and played organ at the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Granite City and First Presbyterian Church in Edwardsville.

Vizer has taught piano for the past 28 years and currently teaches in Granite City.

Three named DAR winners

Three local students have been named winners of the annual Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizen Award Program.

Elizabeth Gail Weatherly, St. Alphonsus Ramsey and Chernay Griggs were winners of the award.

Weatherly, the daughter of William and Freda Weatherly and St. Alphonsus student, is a member of the National Honor Society, the GCCHS marching band, concert band and pep band, squad leader for the



DANIEL VEIZER



ELIZABETH WEATHERLY



STACI RAMSEY

color guard, a member of the Social Studies Club and the Empress Club. She plans to major in political science and minor in business at college.

Ramsey, the daughter of Sharon Ramsey and a student at Madison High School, has been a member of the Spanish Club, "Trot," in town, vice president of her senior class and a member of the girls' varsity basketball team.

She plans to study nursing in college.

Griggs, the daughter of Douglas and Jacqueline Griggs, is a student at Venice High School and has been president of the school's third freshman classes and vice president of her sophomore and junior class. She is also a member of the volleyball and bowling teams and is a member of the SADD, T.A.R.E.N.D., and TQS groups at the school. She plans to attend Belleville Area College for two years, then complete a four-year degree in psychology.

Costello holding hours in Madison

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello. Costello is holding hours in Madison for constituents.

Area woman makes collage for papal visit conclusion

By Steven Martens
Staff writer

When Pope John Paul II leaves St. Louis, he will take with him the artwork of a St. Peters woman as part of a gift from Catholic children.

Stephanie Helfrich's collage, done with tissue paper and pencil, is part of a "spiritual bouquet," a parting gift to the pope. The spiritual bouquet of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, said Mary Ann Freinking, the organizer of the project and coordinator of religious education at All Saints School in St. Peters.

The art project was intended to represent another part of the children's lives — the pope, their prayers, Freinking said.

"Certainly, prayers are the sweetest thing to God's ears from children," Freinking said.

As a gift to the pope, children from the St. Louis area have said 165,000 Masses, made 56,000 visits to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, said 32,000 "hail Mary's," 45,000 rosaries and 370,000 "our fathers," Freinking said.

Helfrich said the design for her project features children showering the pope with flowers and confetti, to symbolize the prayers the children have said for him. Deciding on a design for the project was not easy, Helfrich said.

"It took very little time on the phone," Helfrich said. "It's not like the pope comes that often."

Helfrich, who is not a professional artist but majored in art in college, said she was overwhelmed when asked to take part.

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Madison schools receiving grant for teacher programs

Request for special ed teacher examined

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

MADISON

The Madison School District has been notified that it will receive a \$120,000 federal grant to hire a special education teacher improvement programs.

Madison School

Superintendent Gary Allison notified the School Board of the grant at Thursday's meeting.

The money is part of the Goals 2000 program, which is funded through the Illinois State Board of Education.

"That's our third year of funding at about that level," Allison said.

The grant will be used to continue teacher training using the "Workshop Way," "Inspired Strategies" and more.

The district has used the Workshop Way program — primarily in the younger

grades — since 1995, when it started to emphasize in-house staff development rather than the traditional "teachers' institutes."

Since then, teachers have met in small groups on a weekly basis and group leaders meet once per month.

More recently, the district has expanded the use of the program to higher grades.

"The idea of the program is to help the teachers present material in an active, exciting way for the children," he said. "The teachers have many strategies that keep the children active and engaged in the instructional process, making it a really exciting program."

The board also heard a request from Madison Middle School special education teacher Liz Laurent for an additional teacher at that school.

She said that the three special education teachers now there have too many children in their classes.

As part of her presentation,

she also suggested several funding sources for the additional teacher, but Allison said the district is already using all of them.

After her presentation, trustees questioned her for several minutes.

Joseph Garcia asked if there would be any cost addition to the new teacher salary.

Laurent said there would also be the textbooks and other supplies necessary in a classroom, plus some additional costs that would be needed for special education classes.

After the meeting, Allison said he was not sure what the district could do to increase special education staffing in the middle school.

"I think it's an ongoing problem everywhere," Allison said. "I'd like to provide some additional help to them, but we're trying to provide additional help in a lot of locations." It's a piece of the pie, and you have to divvy up the pie as much as you can."

Glen Carbon police quickly recover stolen car

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Police recovered a car Friday that had been stolen from a residence in the Cottonwood subdivision.

GLEN CARBON

No suspects have yet been located, but it took only one day to track down the abandoned vehicle, St. Louis Police said.

"It's just plain police work," said Glen Carbon Police Sgt. Mark Foley. "The car was stolen Wednesday night and recovered (Thursday) night."

After being recovered by a patrol officer from the St. Louis City Police Department, the gray 1988 Dodge Omni was transported to the City

Impound Yard at 7410 Hall St.

Police said the car will remain there until it can be processed for fingerprints and assessed for any vehicle damage.

According to a police report, a village man had parked the car by a friend's residence on

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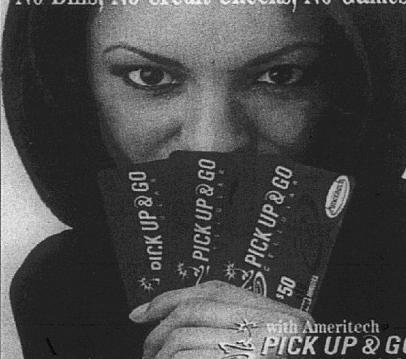
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Donations enable Madison students to see performances

Rams, Illinois Power providing funding

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

At MADISON This day's Madison School Board meeting, Madison School Superintendent Gary Allison told board members that the Rams Foundation donated \$1,490 for two college scholarships from the Italian-American Club.

Allison also said the district's 1999 wellness program had begun and board members were eligible to participate.

As part of the program, teachers and staff receive a health screening and "personal wellness profile" of goals to achieve for the coming year. It also includes occasional notice of activities being sponsored by the program.

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The donation also includes books and educational material that will be used in the classrooms to give the students a better understanding of what they are seeing.

The Foundation also

provided 25 tickets for MHS chorus students to attend "Polo Music in the Melting Pot" at Sheldon April 19.

The cost of transporting the students will be paid by a recent \$300 gift by Illinois Power.

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eight Illinois Business-Education Partnership Recognition Program, held recently in Chicago.

"They have a conference every year where they recognize partnership programs," Allison said. "It's a nice award because we get to share different ideas among the partnerships."

As part of the PIE program, the company provides support to the high school, including financial help, special programs and an annual job shadowing day.

"The program is excellent," Allison said. "We've had a very wonderful year."

In other business, the board approved the retirement of three members of the Board of Education.

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Many schools using available snow days

By Becky Garrison
Staff writer

By early last week, many area schools had already used some of the five snow days built into this year's school calendar.

"Many districts have five emergency days built into the calendar and most are about out," said Jed Deets, Regional Superintendent.

But for most districts, this will not mean extra days at the end of the school year.

Once the schools run out of the planned emergency days, Deets said they can request additional days from the state.

"They can request something called 'Act of God Days' but that seldom happens in St. Clair County," Deets said.

Most of the district is granted Act of God Days if students do not have to make up the time missed at the end of the school year.

Deets said the Act of God Days are only granted in the case of a legitimate emergency over and beyond the school's five scheduled emergency days.

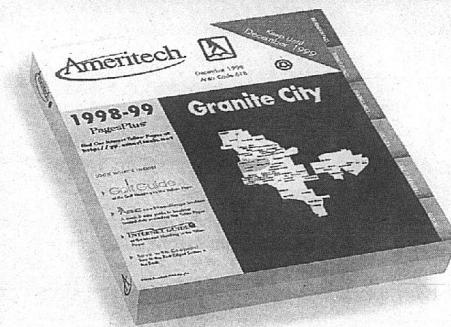
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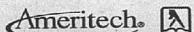


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High phone bills get Venice

City Council's attention, time Lack of janitors also discussed at meeting

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Concerns about high telephone bills in the police department and lack of janitors for the city hall and senior center took up much of the time at Tuesday's Venice City Council meeting.

Aldermanmen had racked up telephone bills for the past month.

"It's somewhat out of hand," Alderman Victor Valentine said.

The bills included calls to Mississippi, Arkansas and California.

Police Chief James Newsome said some of the calls were personal calls that would have been reimbursed by the caller or would be subtracted from their pay.

Newsome also said he believed the city was overcharged in some instances.

Several of the bills were overdue. Comptroller Roseann Koelker said that was because the bills were coming in at different times and she had been attempting to present them at one time for payment.

The entire matter was referred to the Police and Finance committees after discussion.

Alderman Henry Fletcher also told the council that he had been concerned about the lack of janitorial care at the Senior Citizens Center, especially with the recent snow.

"When the weather is bad like it is, you are going to get a lot of salt and dirt tracked in," he said.

He proposed hiring a full-time janitor to work at the center, but city officials said the city did not

have the resources to hire additional people.

"You can always get one if you could pay," he said.

Instead, he proposed using one of the Street Department's laborers on a rotating basis or using people from a community service to work off fines.

There was some discussion of developing a job description for community service workers and holding auditions for that.

"Their job description is to do what they're told," Echols said. "There's not that much hard work in the city of Venice that they can't mop the floor."

No specific action was made, but Echols said the situation would be taken care of.

In other business, the council approved spending \$100 for a commemorative brick at the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Youth Center in East St. Louis.

Beeps mark video poker lawsuit

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

The beeps and hums of a video poker machine echoed through a courtroom Monday as attorneys argued the legality of a ban on the devices in Madison County.

The machine was used for demonstration purposes during a hearing on a suit filed by tavern owner James Robert "Bob" Oller against State's Attorney Bill Haine. The suit challenges the constitutionality of Haine's "protocol" used by local police departments, which includes the ban on the poker machines.

Oller, who owns Boja's Inc., is a police officer. Oller said Haine in September, after Haine implemented the ban the previous February.

Oller's attorney, William Lucco of Edwardsville, said the legal conflicts with the state's own laws have caused anxiety for commercial operators — particularly taverns and restaurants that invested in machines that were not intended for gambling.

The machine was borrowed from a garage storage area next to Bob's. Oller said he paid \$1,300 for it about a year ago, then removed it from his tavern after receiving a warning notice about the impending ban from the Wood River police chief.

Oller testified that he considered the four machines he once had in his tavern as "an asset" and only one was said to have never paid off poker winners and never had

anyone ask him to be paid. However, he admitted that the machine in the courtroom has been used since which is commonly used to clear accumulated points on a poker machine prior to paying the winner.

State's Attorney Rich Rybak said a machine not intended for gambling profit should have no need for knockout switch.

After those testifying for the defendant, Justice L. Simpson Jr., a supervisory special agent in video gambling machines.

Simpson said he uses a three-pronged test to determine if a video poker machine is indeed a gambling device: does it involve risk of money, chance and reward.

He said Haine's protocol addresses those points and appears to him to be a help to police.

Lucco maintains that state law exempts video machines in which there is a profit factor, but Rybak and Simpson said that applies only when there are no payoffs on the machine.

The trial was held before Associate Judge Lewis Mallott, who took the case under advisement.

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News

Filing begins for municipal elections

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candidates Lowell Travis, Donald Lee Bridgeway, and Michael Pagan.

Presswood is heading the Neighbors Helping Neighbors party, which also includes Lara Dochwal for clerk and Dave Levy, Dotty Kelly and Brian Babilis for trustees.

In Granite City, candidates will be vying for seven four-year terms and two two-year terms. Those filing were: 1st Ward, incumbent Bob Page; 2nd Ward, Jim Miller; 3rd Ward, Larie Rutherford; 4th Ward, Roger Wofford; 5th Ward, two-year term; Ted Hoffman and incumbent Lurton Puley; four-year

term; incumbent Eddie Asadianian, Tom Candler and Brenda Whitaker; 6th Ward, two-year term; incumbent Max Warfield; four-year term; incumbent Sandy Shadman Ward; incumbent Bob Cook.

Incumbent Street Superintendent Jerry Lakin has also filed.

In the city of Madison, incumbents Steve Hampsey, Alexis Lux, Norris Horton, Rochelle Williams-Gardner, Tex Ostreng and Sue Miller have filed.

In Vandalia, four council seats are up for grabs. Filing petitions Monday were incumbents Celeste Williams, Victor Valentine and Donald Wilson. In local school board elections, all three incumbents in the Granite

City School District — Jeff Parker, Ron Dillard and John Caudson — filed petitions Monday.

In the Madison School District, three seats are open.

Filing Monday were

incumbents Sharon Cass and Joseph Garcia, along with challengers Lynda Becker and John J. Love Jr.

In the Vandalia School District, two seats — one two-year and one four-year — are up for grabs. Nobody had filed petitions for those seats as of Monday.

Other local elections include two six-year terms at the Granite City Library District; one seat on the Granite City Park Board and three seats on the Venice Park Board.

Final Mitchell decision due within week

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courtroom as Keith Jensen, representing Granite City, and Pontoon Beach, called the quibble over the publication of the ordinance

"an academic issue."

Jensen said Sinclair never offered proof that the ordinance wasn't published by the Granite City Clerk's office.

Dennis Brandt, an attorney representing Union Electric (now AmerenUE),

said the proposed map cuts off his client from ever being annexed into Granite City. He said Mitchell supports his hope to "snatch up" the Union Electric property if they become a village.

Attorneys also argued that the Poag area, the Industrial Park area and the Gateway industrial zone, which includes the Dial plant, should not be included in the proposed Mitchell

map.

Although expected to return a decision by week's end, Bathon still needs to decide the latest date of Mitchell by Feb. 11, which is the deadline for turning in proposals for the April ballot.

SWIDA opens new office in Collinsville

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Orbals: "It's brand-new facilities for us and, I think, a new future for us."

He said the new office, which occupy about 2,000 square feet, double the old office — gives them "good quality space" and many advantages over the old location.

One of the major improvements is image, which is very important for SWIDA.

makes for a nice facility."

The remaining 3,200 square feet of space in the building is rented to UserTech, a computer training company.

Speakers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony included SWIDA Board Chairman Terry Shafer, State Reps. Tom Holbrook, Ron Stephens, Jay Hoffman and Steve Davis, and State Sen. Evelyn Bowles.

Bowles said SWIDA is "extremely important" to the region.

Children playing key role in papal visit

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for the trip originated, the Diocese in St. Louis offered 500 tickets for youth in the Springfield area and it took fewer than two weeks after their availability to distribute them.

Collette Kennett, director of the Catholic Youth Organization of the Belleville Diocese, said there is a lot of interest in the event from children in her diocese as well.

"We are going to have a significant group of children participating. I've been getting a lot of calls from young people anxious to take part," she said.

Kennett said the Diocese expects to register between 600 and 800 young people to take part in the Kiel Center rally and other events surrounding

"the kind of image we need to present," he said. "In the economic development arena, we're dealing with private business and we're dealing with multi-million dollar projects.

They expect the look of an operation to be good and how to help them get their projects done."

The building also has good parking and is handicapped-accessible.

"We have doubled our space here," he said. "We have a real nice board room and some good office space. It really

participating in all events, from the overnight vigil to the rally paid \$31. Those taking part in events during the overnight vigil paid \$25.

This includes cost of travel, a special sweatshirt made for the occasion and the rally itself.

The shirt has a picture of Pope John Paul II on the front and the back has an inscription reading, "Pope John Paul II, the Belleville Diocese Welcomes You."

"This is an event of a lifetime, something the children will never forget," Kennett said.

Pope John Paul II has traveled more extensively than any Pope in modern history. His last trip included a historic Mass in Cuba last January.

County Board votes to review Bathon records

**By Paul Mackie
Staff writer**

The Madison County Board voted Wednesday to review records in the county auditor's office, amid allegations that former Auditor Fred Bathon transferred items to his new office improperly.

The board unanimously agreed to seek bids for an independent auditing firm to check the 1998 year-end auditor's books.

Bathon, now the county treasurer, announced in December he was transferring the furniture.

"We brought some equipment, but they have all that information. It's all documented on the fixed assets and claim reports," Bathon said.

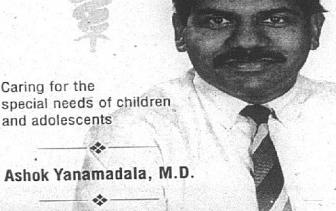
Finance Committee Chairman William Little, D-Alton, said an independent audit will cost the county about \$2,000 and was requested by the auditor's office.

"Anyone who takes over a department can request an independent audit," Little said.

H. John Franzen, a former Bathon as Madison County Auditor last month, Franzen said he only wants to be responsible for what was in the office when Bathon left.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said the County Board had sufficient reason and authority to approve the special audit of Bathon's former office.

"This is not a waste of money if the audit is designed to answer reasonable questions," Haine said.



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Nursing Home appeal under way

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

An appeal to close the Madison County Nursing Home began Thursday when lawyers met in Springfield.

However, lawyers said they still need to see the results of the ongoing, three-sided quarrel.

Two union employees of the home and four relatives of home residents were represented by attorney Melissa Merten, of the Chicago firm Cornfield and Feldman.

"Nobody was able to say how long the nursing home will stay," Auerbach said. "(One attorney) said it will be talked about at the next date."

Another preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 17. All proceedings in the case will be heard in the law office of Richard Hart, who was hired by the state as the attorney ad litem by a judge.

On Thursday, Madison County was represented by County Administrator James Monday and Assistant State's Attorney Michael Giltz.

Edward Bruno is representing the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, which denied the home's initial request to close the home.

County officials have been attempting to close the Northside Home, Troy Ruff, said March, when voters rejected a tax increase and a referendum to fund construction of a modern home.

Officials said the home is in poor condition, hazardous to its residents and costly to operate.

At the next scheduled hearing, lawyers are expected to have finished preparing the record for the case.



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75 years of local history on display at Edwardsville Chamber dinner

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

Seventy-five years of civic history will be on display and two prestigious awards were to be handed out at the annual meeting of the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber held its 25th anniversary dinner Saturday at its 12th annual auction, at Sunset Hills Country Club.

The event was sold out ahead of time with a waiting list for those who wanted to squeeze in, if there were cancellations. More than 300 people were expected to attend.

Among the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Albert Cassens Outstanding Service Award and the Athena Award.

The winners must be members of the chamber or be employed by a member firm.

The auction was to feature about 300 items, including baseballs signed by the 1998 state champion Edwardsville High School baseball team.

The Cassens Award was established by the chamber in 1993.

Nominees must have given freely of their time to the community, be active in

upstanding citizens and have

made an impact during the 1998 calendar year.

The Athena Award goes to an individual who has generously assisted women in attaining their full potential. Men and women are eligible for the award. Nominees must be or work in the community or in geographic area. They also must be members of the chamber or be employed by a member firm.

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Louis University coach Charlie Spangler, pearl and diamond necklaces; art and sculpture donated by the artist; and tickets to a number of sporting events in the St. Louis area, including Cardinals baseball, St. Louis Blues hockey games, as well as auto racing events at Gateway International Raceway in Madison.

Many of the chamber's past presidents were attending the meeting, including Al Cassens, who served as president in 1944, and Delores Rohrkirk, who held the post in 1953.

The chamber's outgoing president, Karen Lauher, was present to synopsis of the group's 75-year history and a slide show.

Health AIDS

Medical advances in HIV or AIDS has related deaths to significant declines in St. Clair county officials said this.

The most recent comprehensive data from Illinois Department of Health compares to 1996 and shows a decline in AIDS deaths during that period.

HIV/AIDS deaths decreased from 1996 to three in 1998. Deaths in St. Clair dropped from 18 to 11. County public health director

Lumpkin said, "We are optimistic against complacency. Lumpkin said.

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Health officials: Madison, St. Clair AIDS deaths take significant drop

Medical advancements in treating people infected with HIV or AIDS has caused related deaths to drop significantly in Madison and St. Clair counties, state health officials said this week.

The most comprehensive data from the Illinois Department of Public Health compares 1997 figures to 1996 and shows a 52 percent decline in AIDS-related deaths during that period.

In Madison County, AIDS deaths decreased from nine in 1996 to three in 1997. Similarly, deaths in St. Clair County dropped from 18 to 11. Monroe County reported no AIDS-related deaths this year.

"The decline signals that medical advancements made in the past couple years are having a dramatic impact in helping those with HIV and AIDS live longer," said Dr. John R. Lumpkin, state public health director.

Lumpkin said the decline is cause for optimism, but warned against complacency in the battle against AIDS.

"While it is indeed encouraging that the use of

potent drug combinations has revolutionized AIDS care and saved lives, the fight against AIDS still must be won by preventing HIV infection in the first place," he said.

There were 569 HIV/AIDS deaths in the state in 1997, down from 1,011 deaths reported in 1996. The number of HIV/AIDS deaths was the lowest annual total since 500 were recorded in 1988.

Deaths from AIDS peaked in 1995 at 1,064, but reported, then decreased for the first time in 1996. The drop accelerated in 1997. Figures for 1998 were not available until the fall of this year.

About 22,000 persons from Illinois have been diagnosed with AIDS since the disease was first identified in 1981 and 94 percent are still alive.

An estimated 28,000 to 38,000 others may be infected and living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"One should mistake this positive news as an end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that has taken the lives of nearly 4,000 Illinoisans," Lumpkin said. "The best way to curb this

disease is to prevent it from happening in the first place."

"People must realize that disease is spread to protect themselves from infection. They should refrain from sexual activity that can place them at risk; practice safe sex, such as consistently and correctly using a latex condom; and avoid the use of illegal drugs."

HIV deaths fell among both males and females, but men gave the biggest decline.

Deaths among men fell 55 percent, from 1,006 in 1996 to 453 in 1997, while deaths among women declined 36 percent from 180 in 1996 to 116

in 1997.

Along racial lines, the drop in deaths was also prominent, males down 62 percent from 482 in 1996 to 181 in 1997, compared with a 47 percent drop among black males from 513 to 271 in 1997. Deaths among white females fell 61 percent from 66 in 1996 to 26 in 1997, while deaths among black females decreased 23 percent from 114 in 1996 to 88 in 1997.



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Holiday dinner

The Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City recently held a delayed Christmas dinner at the church's community center. Entertainment was provided by the John Huff guitarist group, pictured above. A singalong was held with the group. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the community center.

Grant named '99 Metro-East WalkAmerica chair

The March of Dimes Greater Missouri Chapter, Metro-East Division, has announced that Steve Grant from The Bank of Edwardsville will serve as the 1999 WalkAmerica Chairperson.

Grant, Retail Sales Manager with The Bank, brings five years of solid community involvement and a personal experience to the chapter's WalkAmerica Committee.

In his role as chair, Grant will be responsible for recruiting business leaders to serve on the Walk America Volunteer Committee, directing efforts to recruit companies and organizations throughout Edwardsville and Madison

County to form Walk America teams of employees and their families and secure sponsorship dollars.

WalkAmerica will take place on April 24 at three locations in the Metro-East Area. In Edwardsville, it will take place at Edwardsville Middle School. More than 700 walkers are expected to participate in the March of Dimes lifesaving mission by taking the walk that saves babies.

"Each year in America, 180,000 babies are born with a birth defect," said Grant.

"When people contribute to WalkAmerica, they play an important role in helping to change that number. In 29

years, WalkAmerica has raised more than \$1 billion, and is the biggest walking event in the country. With this event, every dollar has an impact."

WalkAmerica holds great promise for future generations. It helps fund important March of Dimes research into gene therapy and the prevention of preterm labor, preterm birth, that help women get prenatal care, and education about folic acid, the B vitamin that helps prevent serious birth defects of the brain and spine.

"We are pleased to have Steve Grant as the 1999 WalkAmerica chairperson," said Patricia Berchoff, Division Director for the

Metro-East March of Dimes. "With his leadership and guidance, along with the community's support, we can make our division and chapter one of the best ever and continue our 60-year track record of lifesaving breakthroughs for babies."

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Surprises make Class A playoffs fun to follow

While Nashville remains the favorite to reach this year's IHSA Class A boys basketball state finals, there's a mystique about the small schools division that makes it as enjoyable as Class A.

After the Hornets won their record third consecutive Mater Dei Holiday Tournament last week, which school would challenge Nashville and if there would be any

surprises as in 1995 when Mater Dei and Lebanon reached the Class A final sixteen.

The surprises were not so much in the form of the losses by Mater Dei

fell 51-43 to Harrisburg at SIU-Carbondale and Lebanon lost 51-49 to St. Louis St. Louis at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The shock came in the supersectional at Olivet Nazarene in Kankakee, where unranked Chicago Tabernacle Christian nearly upset the state's No. 1-rated Aurora Christian before falling 51-49.

Aurora eventually lost 56-54 to fifth-ranked Normal University in the championship game in 1995, but emerged as a surprise, with a cord enrollment of 114 and a final record of 28-2 — was, indeed, most surprising.

If anything, the tiny Chicago school proved it could compete against large schools something point guard Ephraim Eandy continues to do today as a starter for Northern Illinois University.

But in 1995, it will take a miracle (pardon the play on words) for Tabernacle Christian to advance in the state playoffs. You see, the current enrollment at the South Side school is down to 24, including just nine boys.

The male students,

seven make up the Eagles basketball team, which is struggling in the Chicago Catholic Prop League.

Since the school has no athletic budget and no home court, the boys must pay a \$6 transportation fee for each game.

That makes me appreciate even more the small school tourney.

Overtime

Players who saw action for Lebanon in the 1995 state tourney were: Neal Cotts, Rick Clegg, Matt Collier, Jason Plock, Chad Kerksick, Jason Kunz, Duan Roth, Parnell Roulds, Adam Schiepppe, Eric Schewer, Justin Tarver, Steve Walraven and Dennis Weller.

Mater Dei players included Matt Becker, Brad Bryan, Duane Goebel, Kurt Kalmer, Jeff Kehler, Nathan Kreke and Luke Wohlering.

Footnotes

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Art Voellinger
Sports Views

Harrisburg at SIU-Carbondale and Lebanon lost 51-49 to St. Louis St. Louis at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The shock came in the supersectional at Olivet Nazarene in Kankakee, where unranked Chicago Tabernacle Christian nearly upset the state's No. 1-rated Aurora Christian before falling 51-49.

Aurora eventually lost 56-54 to fifth-ranked Normal University in the championship game in 1995, but emerged as a surprise, with a cord enrollment of 114 and a final record of 28-2 — was, indeed, most surprising.

If anything, the tiny Chicago school proved it could compete against large schools something point guard Ephraim Eandy continues to do today as a starter for Northern Illinois University.

But in 1995, it will take a miracle (pardon the play on words) for Tabernacle Christian to advance in the state playoffs. You see, the current enrollment at the South Side school is down to 24, including just nine boys.

The male students, seven make up the Eagles basketball team, which is struggling in the Chicago Catholic Prop League.

Since the school has no

athletic budget and no home

court, the boys must pay a \$6 transportation fee for each game.

That makes me appreciate even more the small school tourney.

Overtime

Players who saw action for Lebanon in the 1995 state tourney were: Neal Cotts, Rick Clegg, Matt Collier, Jason Plock, Chad Kerksick, Jason Kunz, Duan Roth, Parnell Roulds, Adam Schiepppe, Eric Schewer, Justin Tarver, Steve Walraven and Dennis Weller.

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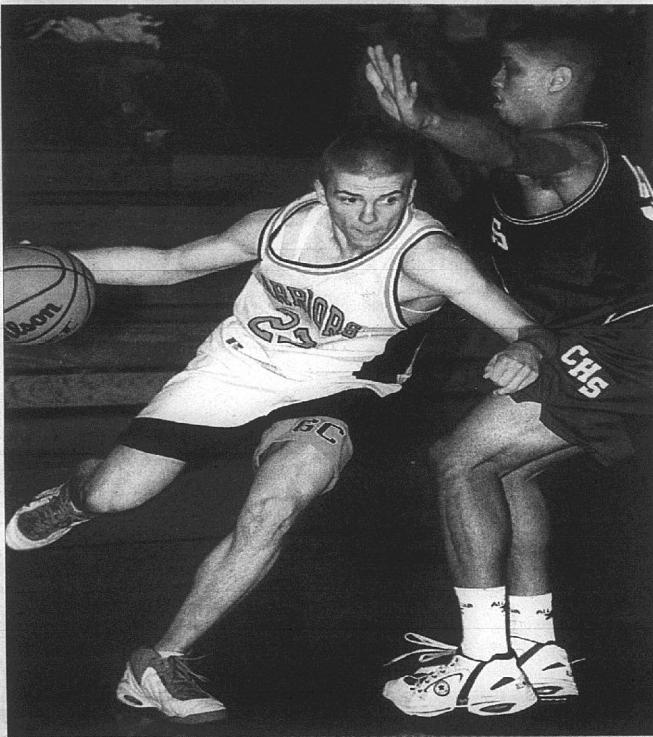
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Tim Stephenson photo
Granite City's Matt Pistorius scored in double figures last Thursday in the Warriors' win against Charleston.

Warriors shot well in tourney opener at Salem

Granite City gunned down Charleston in first round

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

With a flick of their wrists, Granite City stroked the nylon, shot lights out and buried

CHARLESTON 76-43 in the first round of the Salem Tournament on Thursday.

The victory raised the Warriors' record to 12-5 for the season. (Granite City went on to lose to Edwardsburg and Elkhart Lake on Friday in tournaments with a 12-7 mark.)

"We just went out very aggressive," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said.

"We shot a high percentage. Zach May was 5 for 5. Matt Pistorius was 5 for 10. Mike Simpson was 1 for 1. Chris Tindall was 7 for 9. Kevin Elliott was 1 for 1. Avery Johnson was 1 for 2. That's an awfully high percentage."

Twenty for 28, or 71.4 percent, to be exact.

The Warriors didn't have any letdowns or inconsistencies, scoring 13 points in the first period, 19 in the second, 19 more in the third and 11 in the fourth.

"It was pretty balanced," VanBuskirk said. "The kids went out and played hard. The shots went in and that made it easy. You saw the other

extreme of that, how difficult it was last Friday against Collinsville (a 53-28 loss on Jan. 15) when we didn't make baskets. It was exactly the opposite (Thursday), we made them and that made it much easier."

May led the way for the Warriors with 16 points, four assists and two steals. Tindall had 14 points, six rebounds and three steals. Pistorius had 11 points and four assists.

In the Warriors' previous game, a 55-52 victory against Elkhart Lake on Saturday, North in non-conference action, they had some problems getting into their half-court offense at the beginning of the second quarter, and the Stars took advantage. No such worries this time.

"When we score 20 points a quarter, we aren't having any trouble getting into offense,"

"They tried to play us with a zone defense and that caused us some trouble for just a little while, but we took too much. When you shoot that high a percentage, there isn't much the other team can do. They played man-to-man most of the rest of the game and we just didn't get into running our man-to-man offense."

The Warriors, who play only

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Flyers dominated final minutes vs. Vashon

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The East St. Louis boys basketball team had been on another hot streak against Illinois competition — four straight victories — before heading to the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis on Jan. 18.

The opponent was one of Missouri's most storied basketball programs, St. Louis Vashon, coaxed by Floyd Irons and uninvited holding into the contest. But the Flyers still were

unstoppable, using a 17-4 run in the final four minutes of the game to defeat Vashon 66-52 in the Illinois Girls Basketball Classic.

East St. Louis 6-foot-9 junior center Darius Miles put an exclamation point on the comeback with a powerful slam to close the game.

"Vashon kind of tricked me little bit," East St. Louis coach Bennie Lewis said. "I thought they would

maybe slow the game down because we have a little size on them, but they did the opposite. They brought it to us, which was real good for the fans because everybody likes to see a game with a lot of action in it. This one had quite a lot of action in it."

The Flyers took control five after the first quarter and by five at halftime. They turned the tables in the third quarter and led by five going into the fourth quarter.

The Wolverines pulled even at 48-48

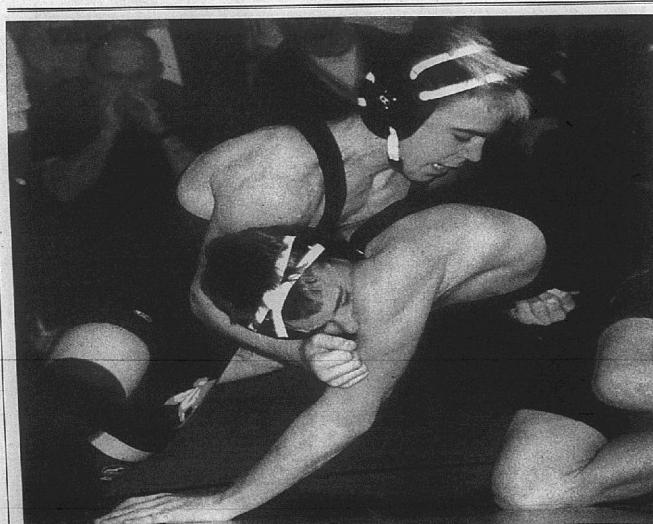
with four minutes to go on Joel Shelton's fourth 3-pointer of the game.

But on the following possession, East St. Louis' Dariel Hawkins took a long pass and scored a layup to get the Flyers were off and running.

"At halftime, coach told us about blocking out and crashing the boards," Flyers forward Phillip Gilbert said. "He told us on, but when we we tried to block them out and get boards. We came back and got the victory."

"We weren't rebounding on the

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Tim Stephenson photo
Granite City's Jake Trtanj wrestles in a recent match at 112 pounds for the Warriors, who are 17-0 this season.

Granite City runs streak to 17 wins

Warriors pick up 5 triumphs in 2 days

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors remained perfect at the Triad wrestling tournament Friday night, closing out the meet by crushing Jerseyville 72-3.

The Warriors had dominated Collinsville and Triad to start the night.

Granite City (17-0) added two more victories on Saturday, beating Mascoutah 68-12 and Mattoon 63-12.

Against the Warriors, Granite City won 10 of the 14 matches by pin, including one by 189-pounder Bobby Grammer, who has turned his season around since returning from injury to matmen at Granite City. Grammer pinned Corey Westfall in 39 seconds.

Paul Johnson had an even quicker pin for the Warriors at 125, pinning Dylan James Schildschmidt in 18 seconds.

On Saturday, Grammer pinned Mattoon's Josh Grant in 38 seconds and Mascoutah's Brandon Russell in 3:13.

Johnson won by forfeit against Mattoon and took out Mascoutah's Tom Forsythe in 3:13.

"This is the time you want to be at your best," Granite City coach Mike Garland said. "A couple of weeks before regionals, this is when you want to start putting things together. The coaches' jobs are done. It's up to the kids now — how bad do they want it and how hard do they want to work."

Freshman Jacob Janeck picked up a forfeit victory Saturday, but had a record to set.

"A lot of consequence were his two victories in the quad Friday in his first two varsity matches. Janeck won against Triad at 215 pounds and again against Mattoon in a pin, in the heavyweight division.

"We got Jacob a couple of matches," Garland said. "That Triad kid he beat (Mike) Hamer, he could be one of the better kids of the year at the regional. We are just trying to get him some matches. We

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Sports

Bulldogs place second at Sparta, beat Venice to finish event

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

A 19-second quarter run helped vault Waterloo past Venice 57-46 in final-round

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The victory, coupled with Columbia's 74-62 triumph against Waterloo on Saturday, gave the Bulldogs second place in tourney play.

Waterloo, which went 3-2 in the tournament, won for the fifth time in seven games and improved to 10-9.

"It was really a pretty good tournament," said Waterloo coach Jay Blossom. "I'm proud of the way we came out. I thought we did a good job of coming out tonight with our defense. It was real happy with

our defensive intensity. The big thing is we got a win. It's nice to be the one to have a little momentum going into (this) week's practice."

Leading 11-10 early in the second period, Rich Bachelier's basket began Waterloo's run.

After Zach Hopkins' field goal later made the score 17-12, Justin Nason recorded consecutive baskets to give Waterloo a 21-12 bulge.

Brian Hoffmann added a 3-pointer while Nason posted

two more field goals and Jeff Harp registered a lay-in, capping the Bulldogs run and giving them a 30-13 halftime margin.

Venice (8-9), which went 1-4 in the tournament, wouldn't go quietly, cutting the deficit to 32-34 midway through the third quarter on John Chatman's three-point play.

After a late falling ball and 59-54 in the fourth quarter, the Red Devils made one last charge, this time using a 6-

bust to draw within 50-40 at the 3:30 mark.

Bachelder's dunk, his second in the fourth period, and five free throws helped Waterloo prevail.

Naseau played a strong tournament with a game-high 19 points while Bachelder posted 18 points and Harp added 10.

LeRon Pace paced Venice with 14 points, and Paul Roberts chipped in with eight.

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Warriors shot well in tournament opener

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six players with regularity, were able to get in all of their players with the big lead.

"Everybody played. All 15 kids played a lot," VanBuskirk said. "The varsity kids — the top six played at most a little over two quarters, so everybody played a lot."

"I was very happy to get the

league we play in, you don't get that opportunity very often but it was a good feeling. The kids rooted for each other. It was great to see the younger kids to root for the younger kids to do well and applaud them when they did something well, like the younger kids do when they play."

Granite City was reaching a critical point in the season — a point where last season went sour as the team fell from 11-7 to 10-17.

"At this point in the season last year, from this point on, we didn't win again," VanBuskirk said. "You can look at it a couple of different ways. You look at our schedule from now on and there are no easy teams on our schedule. We have to add some confidence to go into the toughest part of the schedule. Granite City was reaching a critical point in the season — a point where last season went sour as the team fell from 11-7 to 10-17.

"Our luck went bad on us last year and we got playing bad and when you start losing, it is contagious. We have to make sure that doesn't happen."

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"It was real good for both teams because we are getting ready for our playoffs," Lewis said, "so it's a good game for both of us."

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defensive boards correctly," Lewis said. "Once we started doing that, then we started to get some fast breaks in there. We weren't doing that in the first half, but we got a couple, but we weren't doing that continuously. Once we got that started, then we kind of picked up and got the game going the way we wanted it to go. We

have to hit the boards, we have to play better defense and we have to get out on the fast break."

Hawkins led the Flyers with 18 points. Miles scored 16 and Gibbons added 12.

Shelton led the Wolverines with 16.

"That's our 1-2-3 punch — Darius, Dariel and Phillip," Lewis said. "Alikia Snow is

averaging about six or eight points a game and so is George Mumphard. Once they start contributing like they are, we will be a better team. Our defense like they can, then we can substitute and put more players in. But right now we are trying to get this five solid, and once we get them solid we can start making substitutions."

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Sports

Adams' charge lifts Flyerettes past Northeast

East St. Louis senior pours in 16 fourth-quarter points in MLK Classic victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

East St. Louis' appearance at the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation's annual Coca-Cola/Majic 105-FM Martin Luther King Basketball Classic on Jan. 18 was a streaky one.

The good news for the Flyerettes was that the final streak made them victorious.

East St. Louis, led by Rita Adams and LaKiesha Cole, rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Kansas City Northwest 55-50 at the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.

The Flyerettes built a 17-7 lead behind Adams' 10 points.

But East St. Louis scored only six points in the second period and Northeast used by far the best at haltime.

Kansas City Northeast used another streak in the third quarter to build a 38-31 lead heading into final period.

Adams took over, scoring 16

points in the fourth — on a

jumper, a three-pointer and 11

free throws.

She finished the game with

33 points.

"In the game, Rita was

somewhat ill and I think it

hampered her performance,"

East St. Louis coach Charles McDonald said. "She had

been sick all day, but she

came through and did a great job."

Adams' effort was the difference in the game.

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Adams said.

The Flyerettes raised their

season record to 14-1 with the

a coach that's the only thing

that you can ask of a player.

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win. (They lost on Friday night to East Chicago Marshall.)

"It was a good ballclub that we played against, and we basically only played about two quarters of basketball tonight," McDonald said. "I think we took breaks when we shouldn't have been taking breaks. When we went up in the fourth quarter, we took a break against a pretty good ballclub. It gives me an opportunity to go back and discuss things with them. I'm glad for the win but I'm not necessarily happy with their performance."

Wildcats center Tamara Ransburg scored 11 points.

Tenille Grant, who has signed with the University of Southern California, also had 11, but

was held scoreless in the fourth quarter as the Flyerettes made their comeback.

"Grant is a good young player, and I think she is going to be an excellent ballplayer in the future," McDonald said.

"At times, we played well against her and pretty much contained her in the second half. She really showed what she could do in the second quarter, and after that point we made a few adjustments and did a better job on her."

Tigers prowl on undefeated Vandalia

Edwardsville boasts 15-2 dual record, decent showing in tournaments

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Edwardsville wrestling coach Jon Wagner hopes that the best is yet to come with

regionals on the horizon Feb. 6 at Jerseyville.

The Tigers certainly seem to be peaking at the right time after a less impressive victory Tuesday.

Vandalia came to town with an undefeated record (14-0) and a lot of success in recent years against the Tigers. But Edwardsville had the upper hand Thursday as it recorded a 52-18 victory. That improved the Tigers' dual record to 15-2.

The only dual loss came to competition in Granite City, which is also in the Jerseyville regional, and Mount Zion.

"We've shown to be a good dual team, but we're also done well in tournaments this season," Wagner said.

Edwardsville won the 16-team Mascoutah Tournament in December and also was sixth in the Granite City Tournament and fifth in its most recent tournament, the

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Jon Wagner

Mahomet-Seymour Tournament just outside of Champaign on Jan. 16. The Tigers were second of a pack from fourth place at the Mahomet-Seymour tourney and had a few close calls in championship matches.

Junior Joe Bevis and senior Sean Hartley had undefeated wrestlers from

Mahomet-Seymour in the finals

and each lost close matches.

Bevis fell to Brendan Hartley, who is ranked No. 1 in the state, 6-1 at 189 pounds while Box lost to Andy Ray, 6-5, at 171 pounds.

Edwardsville heavyweight

Nick Tarpoff, a junior, lost an overtime match to a wrestler from Washington in the championship.

Senior Scott Radcliff and junior Jerry Greenwood also placed in the tournament. Radcliff was fourth at 145 pounds, while Greenwood was fifth at 170 pounds.

Bevis had the top record on

the team with a 26-3 mark. But

six other wrestlers have

already surpassed 20-win

records. Tarpoff; Greenwood; Box, junior Jamie Hartley at 132 pounds; junior Josh Mercer at 138 pounds; and senior Ian

Law at 130 pounds.

Wagner has also gotten solid

efforts from some younger

wrestlers as freshman Chris

McLean (103) and sophomores

Jerry Amsbury (112) and

Casey Robinson (119) all have

winning records.

The varsity team has done

well but we've also had some

good efforts from the junior

varsity and freshmen teams,"

Wagner said. "The junior

varsity has had a lot of

success this season and the

freshmen team won a 16-team

tournament this weekend at

O'Fallon. They have been

championships out of the 14 weight

classes. The future looks

bright."

The regular season ends this

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had our heavyweight sitting out because of discipline problems, so that was Jacob and I were there, and it's a couple of matches. Sometimes you have to do those things, some guys think the rules don't apply to everybody, but they do," he said.

"Jacob is definitely going to be on our dual team for the (IHSA state) tournament. He could work in and out from 109 to 155 to the heavyweight division. It depends on what weight we want him to weigh in at.

"It's kind of too soon to tell if he's ready to wrestle again. He hasn't even been down to the lower level a lot. I know he won like his brother (Jones), who graduated last year, so I can't say that. That really helps for him to be winning matches like his brother. Hopefully he will keep that family tradition going, with the winning," he said.

The Warriors take on Belleville East this Thursday and East St. Louis on Friday both closing out the regular season with a quad Saturday at Mahomet Seymour in northern Illinois.

"They are all tough up there and we have been winning those guys all year," Garland said. "We wrestled Mahomet several times and we wrestled New Lenox, so it shouldn't be anything new. It's just a matter of getting out there and executing and being tough and physical like they are. Keep going forward, don't back up."

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News

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Real-life story drives 'At First Sight'

What happens to a person who gains sight after a lifetime of blindness?

This is the most compelling element of "At First Sight," an earnest, thoughtful drama based on a real event.

The best selling author-physician Oliver Sacks, presented a story in his book "An Anthropologist on Mars." Sacks has gained a reputation for uncovering unusual medical cases. One of them became the basis for the John Goodman-Williams-Robert De Niro movie "Awakenings," which "At First Sight" resembles.

Virgil Adams (Val Kilmer) works as a masseur at a high-priced mountain spa. He lives alone next door to his sister, Jenny (Kelly McGillis), a long-time guardian. At night he listens to broadcasts of the New York Rangers and skates alone on a pond hidden in the woods.

Amy Benic (Mira Sorvino), a burned-out New York architect, arrives at the spa for the regimen of rest and yogurt. She becomes intrigued by the handsome young man who

Val Kilmer...brings humanity and charm to the role of Virgil, and Mira Sorvino in her first big lead role shows she has what it takes (in the new MGM release "At First Sight").

gives her a sensuous massage. Only afterward does she realize that he is blind (this is hard to believe).

A love affair ensues, and against Jenny's wishes, Virgil accompanies Amy to Manhattan. She helps him overcome his reluctance to come along. Dr. Charles Aaron (Bruce Davison), whose institute has developed new techniques for improving damaged sight.

Virgil fears the operation, and his sister opposes it. But Amy prevails. For the first time Virgil is able to see. In the beginning, a burst of light blinds him. Soon he adjusts, but now he must grasp the elements of depth perception and other factors that children learn in their infancy. This is absorbing stuff.

Despite its good intentions,

the rest of "At First Sight" seems strangely unmoving. The characters and events of Steinbeck's screenplay have an air of predictability, and Irwin Winkler's direction lacks excitement. John Seale's cinematography contrasting the mountain greenery and the bold colors of Manhattan is a vital asset.

Val Kilmer, the most underrated of today's leading actors, brings humanity and charm to the role of Virgil, and Mira Sorvino, in her first big lead role, shows she has what it takes. Kelly McGillis and Bruce Davison are strong in support, but Nathan Lane is wasted in a brief appearance as a blindness theorist.

The MGM release was produced by Winkler and Ron Cowan. Rated PG-13 because of adult material.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
Mars will continue battling through the days, as the sign of Scorpio entered yesterday, for several months, making it difficult for people to know whether progress is really being made. It's a bit like a game of faith, and the outcome is all the more satisfying. Keep reminding yourself of past successes and lessons learned. Whether you realize it or not, you have accomplished many amazing feats and can do it again!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 27). Pastries are the highlight of your day. Goals set in the next two weeks get a special touch of luck, whereas plans in March may have to be revised before they come to fruition. Virgo and Taurus are your partners in making money. Scorpio has a burning passion for you now. Marriage is likely in August.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are tempted to stray from your plan, but don't give in. Buy the latest books concerning your field. Interactions are aided by new education. Aggressive people impress you, but don't be easily persuaded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 19). You could get hot tips and even coaching regarding romance. Be more aware of



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when you don't get your way at work; your intellect prevails.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Dominating behaviors are a turn-off. Be kind. An informal pastime brings and a loved one closer. A large investment will be far better than small installments. Attentive loved ones expect to be thanked.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may feel you've exhausted your options, but this isn't even close to being true. Money is important, but you can't get the job. A relative is proud of your recent career success. Romance tonight is dreamy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are stuck in a rut until someone's plan regarding a project is in sync with yours. A sweetheart reassures you by adding color to your love interests. Plans to acquaint you with friends and family.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Loved ones are fussy, but you get along despite uncomfortable situations. You are attracted to conservative offers but benefit the most from something out of left field. For a presentation, be well prepared and on details.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your cash flow is finally unobstructed. Lessons will be better learned when personal finance is involved. Advertising is effective. Sensational talk starts an industry buzz. Last-minute offers are important to consider.

PIRAEUS (Feb. 19-March 22). You have an opportunity to learn essential skills that will benefit communication exchanges. Mail this morning starts a new financial trend.

You are particularly reserved this evening; this stirs intrigue in a love relationship.

Edwardsville company performing classic Shakespeare comedy at SIUE

The Arts League Players of Edwardsville continue its 1998-99 season with a production of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Performances will run at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights for three weekends — Feb. 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20 — in the Metcalf Theater on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"Twelfth Night, or What You Will," is a delightful comedy of lovers at cross-purposes, including crossed swords, crossed garters and cross-dressing.

The play is set in the American South at the time of the Civil War, but its pining hearts, baffling hopes, and foolish drunks belong to all time.

Tickets for the play are available at the door for \$6; students and seniors, \$4. Advance tickets at the same price are available at Stagger Inn Again, 104 E. Vandalia, Edwardsville.

If purchasing tickets at the door, advance reservations are recommended at 656-1181. The theater is wheelchair-accessible; arrangements may be made by calling the reservation telephone number.

The Arts League Players' 1998-99 season is made possible in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT GRANITE CITY POLICE OFFICER

The Qualification listed below are not complete. For a complete listing of qualifications, please refer to the Rules & Regulations enclosed in each application packet.

APPLICANT MUST:

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- ★ Be at least 21 years of age and under 35 year of age at the time of application deadline.

- ★ 2. Possess or be able to obtain a valid Illinois Driver's License.

- ★ 3. Pass a written examination, oral interview, background investigation, polygraph test, psychological exam, physical agility test, and a thorough medical examination.

- ★ 4. According to City Ordinance #8411, shall become actual residents (domestic) in the City of Granite City within 30 days from the first date of their gainful employment with the City of Granite City. The establishment and maintenance of primary residence within the City of Granite City shall be a condition of continued employment for said employee.

- ★ 5. Have a high school diploma or G.E.D.

- ★ 6. Have 20/20 vision or at least 20/50 binocular vision without glass, correctable to 20/20 with glass and shall not be color blind.

- ★ 7. Be able to obtain five letters of reference.

- ★ 8. Pick up application from Judy Curry at the Granite City Police Department, 2330 Madison Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications, or their representative, will be asked to sign when picking up their application. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 2, 1999.

- ★ 9. Complete and return the application by February 19, 1999 to the same location. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3:30 P.M. ON THAT DATE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE APPLICANT'S OWN HANDWRITING.

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Super Bowl Sunday

Tiffany once again has honor of creating Lombardi Trophy

In what has become one of the sport's most honored traditions, Tiffany & Co. has again created the Vince Lombardi Trophy, the National Football League's most prestigious award, which will be presented to either the Denver Broncos or Atlanta Falcons, the winning team of Super Bowl XXXIII Jan. 31 at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. This year, it produced the coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy since the first Super Bowl in 1967. It was designed by Oscar P. Rozelle, Vice President who sketched the trophy during a meeting with Pete Rozelle, then commissioner of pro football prior to the AFL-NFL

merger in 1970. The trophy depicts a regulation-size football in kicking position atop an elongated triangular base, rendered entirely in sterling silver.

In 1970, the trophy was renamed for Vince Lombardi, the late Green Bay Packers coach who led the Packers to victories in the first two Super Bowls.

"Throughout civilization, champions have received silver as a reward for their skill and success on the playing field," said John Pettersen, Tiffany & Co. Senior Vice President.

"Tiffany is proud to continue this heritage with the Super

Bowl Trophy, which celebrates the victory of one of the world's most anticipated sporting events of the year."

The trophy is created at Tiffany's silversmithing workshop in Parsippany, N.J. Employing aged-old techniques such as stamping, silversmithing, chasing and polishing, the firm's master artisans hand-craft the trophy.

It requires 160 hours of sterling silver, stands 22 inches high, weighs nearly seven pounds and takes approximately 72 man-hours to complete.

In keeping with tradition, the trophy will be presented by NFL Commissioner Paul

Tadpole to the owner of the winning team of Super Bowl XXXIII. After the on-field ceremony, the trophy will be returned to Tiffany's workshop, where master engravers will hand-engrave the names of the winning team, and, if requested, the names of all team members.

Tiffany & Co. also has the honor of creating the Pete Rozelle Trophy. Named for the late NFL commissioner whose distinguished career spanned nearly 30 years, the trophy is presented to the Most Valuable Player of the Super Bowl.

First awarded in 1981 at Super Bowl XXV, the shooting

star design is 18 inches high and hand-crafted from 86 ounces of sterling silver.

The trophy is highlighted with vermeil, a centuries-old practice in which gold is applied over silver.

Fans and visitors to Miami can view the Super Bowl trophy on display at the NFL Experience from January 22-23 and January 28-31.

While the Super Bowl trophy is among the most famous of Tiffany custom designs, the company has created some of the most revered symbols of athletic achievement in every era of American sports history.

From the 1869 Belmont's trophy for the Belmont Stakes to the World Series Championship Cup, baseball's first world championship trophy (the Commissioner's Trophy) to the magnificent yachting trophies on display at the New York Yacht Club to such present-day awards as the National

Basketball Association's Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy, the U.S. Open Tennis Championship Trophies and Major League Baseball's

Commissioner's Achievement Awards, Tiffany has celebrated the winners with lasting tributes to their moment of victory.

Anheuser-Busch, Bud Bowl lead way in innovative advertising

The Super Bowl has become synonymous with advertising as it is with football. Commercials on the telecast can be as memorable as any game-winning play or MVP performance, and year-in and year-out, one company — St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch — leads the way.

This year, the world's largest brewer again will be the game's premier advertiser with a record five minutes (nine spots) of commercial time.

Since 1989, Anheuser-Busch has been the exclusive beer category sponsor of the Super Bowl telecast, and over the last 10 years, the company has aired more than 70 ads during the big game.

The Super Bowl is not only the title game for the NFL, it's

the showcase to premier outstanding new advertising each year," said August A. Busch IV, vice president of marketing, Anheuser-Busch Inc.

"For Budweiser, it's the perfect way to jump start a great year of sales, and to entertain millions of beer drinkers who are football fans."

This year's Super Bowl will be televised on Fox (locally, KTVL-TV) on Jan. 31, and a Budweiser ad is scheduled to be the first commercial aired during the game.

Highlighting Anheuser-Busch's nine spots will be a series of ads featuring "Lizard vs. the Lizard" and "Budweiser frogs" with the Super Bowl advertising agency.

In last year's telecast, three Lizard ads ranked in the Top 6

of USA Today's "Ad Meter," survey of adult consumers. In addition to the new Lizard spots, a variety of Anheuser-Busch brands will be featured in the Bud Light and Michelob Light.

"According to the ratings, eight of the 10 most-watched TV programs in history are Super Bowls," indicated the top 10, and in terms of audience reach, the game is the best advertising vehicle in the world," Busch said.

With a lineage of top shelf craft beer, Budweiser once again is poised to be the clear-cut winner of not only the beer wars around the world, but in the Super Bowl advertising arena.

For the next four years, millions of viewers who watch the Super Bowl will see beer brands from only one company advertised during the game —

those from Anheuser-Busch. Having secured agreements with Fox (1989, 2002), ABC (2000) and CBS (2001), the brewer has locked up beer category exclusivity on the Super Bowl telecast through 2002. This gives the company four more years

(1989-2002) as exclusive beer advertiser during the game.

"Our exclusive deals for these Super Bowls reaffirm Budweiser's role as the industry leader in advertising and sports marketing," Busch said. "As the world's leading brewer, exclusively is important to us, and guarantees that when the millions of adults watching the Super Bowl think of a beer brand, they think of Budweiser and Anheuser-Busch."

This year, Bud Bowl '99 has expanded to the Internet. Anheuser-Busch has created the world's largest virtual stadium at <http://www.budbowlb99.com>, the first website of its kind developed exclusively to support a national beer promotion.

There, the world's biggest little teams are renewing their rivalry in Bud Bowl '99, and during the game, 100 lucky consumers could win the "Ultimate Cyber Room" valued at \$10,000 each.

The most recognized and longest running promotion in the beer industry, Bud Bowl debuted in 1989 during the telecast of Super Bowl XXII with the classic bottles vs. bottles match-up between Budweiser and Bud Light.

Consumers can participate in Bud Bowl '99 by collecting tickets from inside packaging and placing them on the Budweiser, Bud Light and Bud Ice products and over the Internet at the Bud bowl.com web site.

Each ticket has a section, row and seat number, indicating consumer's "seat" in the Bud Bowl '99 "Cyber Stadium." A winning section in the "stadium" will be revealed during the Super Bowl telecast on the web site. All fans "seated" in the winning section will win the "Ultimate Cyber Room."

Based in St. Louis, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. brews Budweiser and Bud Light, the world's best-selling beers.

Facts and figures for Sunday's Super Bowl XXXIII

Facts and figures on Sunday's Super Bowl XXXIII:

WHAT: Super Bowl XXXIII, the National Football League's championship game.

WHO: The game is between the defending national Football League and American Football Conference champions, the Denver Broncos, and the National Football Conference champions, the Atlanta Falcons. This will be the Broncos' sixth trip to the game; their first in the NFL. The Super Bowl XXXIII marks the Falcons' first-ever trip to the game.

WHERE: Pro Player Stadium, located in the home of the NFL's Miami Dolphins and National League's Florida Marlins.

AT STAKE: The National Football League championship and permanent possession of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, the award symbolizing the champion of the league.

TELEVISION/RADIO: The game will be televised nationally on Fox (locally, KTVL-TV, channel 2, the

Fox-owned station in St. Louis). Pre-game programming begins at 10 a.m.; the game telecast itself begins at 5 p.m.

Radio coverage of the game will be provided by CBS Radio/Westwood One (locally, KFNS-AM 590 in Wood River/St. Louis).

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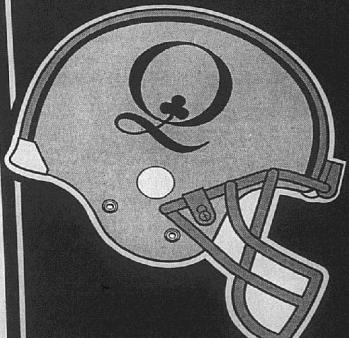
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Community Calendar

Editor's note: The community calendar contains items for the week of Jan. 27-Feb. 2. Events that occur every week are listed the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Organizations

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stutte at 931-2028.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the

last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravennell's Restaurant.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Columbia, Granite City. Rev. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7396; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

ELKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1060, meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August at the hall on Merville Road. Call 931-3557.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Open to anyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION SOCIETY, Granite City unit, meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month at Anchor Age Recreational Center. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2858.

TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOME-MAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month at Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite

City. Initiation is held the first meeting of each month and a social hour and refreshments following the meetings. For more information call Nina Jackson at 677-9808.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL from 6 to 9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at Shoney's, Highway 157 (44 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come in for fun, learning opportunities and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 344-2858.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER #2 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the second and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd., Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 825 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third

Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd., Granite City.

Seniors

PONTOON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. the last Saturday of each month at 3910 Highway 157, Collinsville.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS Chapter 1340 will not meet in November. Christmas dinner dance tickets will be Friday. The dinner dance is set for Dec. 9 at the Granite City Township Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. All seniors 50 and over are welcome. For information call 877-3020.

Park plans trip to Funk's Grove

A one-day trip is planned by the Granite City Park District for Tuesday, March 2 to Funk's Grove in Shirley, Ill., to view pure maple/syrup production.

By the terms of the will of Hazel Funk Holmes, the woodlands on her property are to be preserved. She produced maple syrup to continue. The syrup is produced at only a handful of places in the Midwest making for a large demand for the camp's Funk's Grove.

The cold weather crop has a short-lived season, and the same trip was planned last year and had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Another attraction of the day will be a visit to the Funk Prairie Home and Gem and Mineral Museum. The Funk Prairie Homestead, as well as testament to the strong family that lived in this home for more than 150 years.

It is a compelling story of the remarkable life of Illinois state senator and a co-founder and director of Chicago's Union Stockyards and a cattle king of Illinois, with many luxuries and items included with the tour.

Lunch will be included in the cost of the trip. The route home will follow that of the old legend of the trail which should bring back many memories to a lot of folks and a chance to reminisce.

A quick visit will be made at the Illinois Route 66 Museum/Hall of Fame at the Dixie Truckers Home in McCloud, Ill., where displays and artifacts, as well as other attractions of historical interest, are displayed.

The cost of the trip is \$34 per person, which will include the bus's activities, lunch and the transportation cost.

Residents of the Park District will have priority in signing up, with wait lists placed on the waiting list and notified one week later.

Sign-ups will be taken beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

The next one-day trip sponsored by the Park District will be April 16 to the Dogwood/Azalea Festival in Charleston, Mo., with lunch at Lambert's Restaurant in Silkseton, Mo.

BB/BS bowling event set March 6

Montclair Bowl in Edwardsville will be the site of the 1999 Campaign For Kids Bowl For Kids Sale to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois on March 6.

Participants can bowl at either 12:30 or 2:30 p.m.

Funds raised will provide guidance and support to at-risk children in Macoupin and St. Clair counties. Participants may play two free games of bowling, free shoe rental, door prizes and free Domino's pizza.

The BANK of Edwardsville, a participant for more than 12 years, last year sponsored nine teams. Regional Research and Development Services of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville also participated in 1998 with three teams. Both organizations assisted Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois in raising \$110,000 in pledges.

Grand prizes include 16 luxury box seat tickets with parking passes to the Kiel Center for the Performing Arts for viewing any Southwest Airlines destination and a trip for two to Las Vegas. Area businesses have donated many gifts to give away as door prizes.

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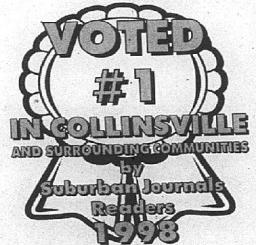
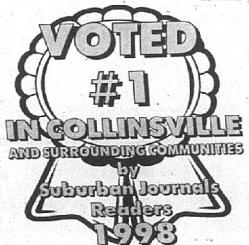
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With more than 350,000 currently certified technicians currently in the U.S., ASE is the only automotive certification group that is both national in scope and industry-wide.

ASE-certified technicians can be found at every type of repair facility, from dealerships to independent garages.

ASE spells good news for consumers.

Prior to taking ASE certification tests, many technicians attend training classes or study on their own to brush up on their knowledge. By passing difficult, national tests, ASE-certified technicians prove their technical competency to themselves, to their employers and to their customers.

ASE certifies only the technical competence of individual technicians, not the shop's business practices, or the ethics of management and employees. But it stands to reason that shop owners who encourage their technicians to become ASE-certified technicians will be concerned about the other aspects of their business. Likewise, because ASE's program is open to all technicians who have gone to the effort to earn ASE certification can be counted on to have a strong sense of pride in accomplishment.

How does ASE certification work?

More than 100,000 technicians take ASE certification tests each year and number at more than 600 national locations. Technicians who pass at least one exam in their specialty and fulfill the two-year work experience requirements become ASE-certified; those who pass a battery of exams earn Master Technician status.

There are more than two dozen specific exams covering all major areas of repair. There are eight tests for automobile technicians alone: engine repair, engine performance, electrical/electronic systems, brakes, heating and air conditioning, suspension and steering, major and drive train and axles, and automatic transmissions. There are also exams for collision repair/refinish technicians, engine machinists, parts specialists and medium/heavy truck technicians.

Certification is not for life. ASE requires its technicians to recertify every five years to keep up with technology. All ASE credentials have expiration dates.

How to find ASE-certified technicians

Repair establishments with at least one ASE-certified technician are permitted to display the ASE sign and otherwise publicize their certified employee(s). Each ASE technician is issued personalized credentials listing his/her exact area(s) of certification and an appropriate shoulder insignia. Technicians are also issued wallet-size certificates that their employers often post in the customer-service area.

Choosing an ASE-certified technician

As is the case with doctors, automotive technicians often specialize. Because ASE offers certification in all major technical areas of auto repair and service, it's wise to ask the shop owner or service manager specifically for a technician who is ASE certified in the appropriate area, say, brakes, engine repair, or collision repair.

In short, the ASE program offers consumers objective information about the technical competency of individual technicians that they can use in their search for satisfactory automotive repair and service.

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Oil filters should be changed at same time oil gets changed

If you have ever wondered why an oil filter should be changed every 3,000 miles or an air filter every 24,000 miles, consider this:

At 40 miles per hour, oil flows through the lubrication system at a rate of 3.5 gallons per minute — in other words, 210 gallons per hour.

After 3,000 miles, it's not the four or five quarts of oil in the system that you have to worry about. It's the 15,000 gallons of oil that have passed through the oil filter.

If your car gets 20 miles per gallon, it will burn two gallons of gasoline and 20,000 to 24,000 gallons of air in one hour. Even at an average 20 mpg, this air filter will have cleaned 13,000 to 16,000 gallons of air over 24,000 miles. That is roughly 67 tons of air (at standard temperature and pressure).

This information comes from the experts at Pro Filters. They have compiled some surprising statistics about oil and air filters and the damage dirt can cause to your engine.

Oil Filter
Oil that lubricates and cools the engine is picked up by the

engine's oil pump, cleaned by the oil filter, and reused. It is vital that any dirt, or contamination, picked up by the circulating oil be removed before it is pumped back into the engine.

Even though the typical engine carries only four to five quarts of oil, constant recirculation means that an average 12,750 gallons have passed through the filter in 3,000 miles. That is why it is wise knowledgeable car owners usually think in terms of 3,000- to 3,500-mile oil and filter change intervals.

With regular maintenance, their engines should easily reach 100,000 miles. By that time, 525,000 gallons of air over 24,000 miles. That is roughly 67 tons of air (at standard temperature and pressure).

Oil circulating in an engine travels from the areas to cool the engine, helping to regulate temperatures. Over time, engine heat evaporates some of the lighter, more volatile components of the oil, causing it to oxidize and thicken. As a result, it is no longer as effective a lubricant for the car's engine. This is one

reason regular oil and filter changes are needed.

As combustion from the firing of fuel and air by the spark plug creates drag, the piston in the engine moves parts are pushed toward each other with several tons of force. It's only a microscopic film of oil that prevents the parts from scrapping together and destroying each other.

Because the oil film is so thin, it must be clean; otherwise contaminants may come into contact with moving parts and damage them.

Meanwhile, the oil is picking up contamination. Some of it consists of combustion byproducts, such as soot, from the past the piston rings. When an engine is first started and oil has not been able to circulate completely yet, moving parts will scrape and abrade momentarily, causing some microscopic metal bits to get in the oil.

And while everyone has heard of leaks that let oil drip out of the engine, it is also possible for unfiltered air to enter and cause damage. Dirty air can slip past an air filter element not properly positioned in its

engine. **Air Filters**
Engines consume vast amounts of air. Fram engines note that an engine uses 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of air for each gallon of gasoline burned, and that a car delivering 20 mpg consumes about 550 gallons of air per mile.

The air filter is your car's first defense against harmful dirt; before it goes anywhere, air meets the filter. And, in spite of the name, the air that moves through it, an air filter only needs to be replaced after about 24,000 miles of normal driving.

Vacuum is created by engine operation. Gaps in the air needed for the engine to run. Considering the amount of air that an engine requires, it is critical that the air be filtered; and dust-laden air that gets into the engine can cause excessive internal wear.

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housing. An air filter element that has been dropped very likely does not fit correctly. It should be discarded.

Leaks also may appear between the air filter housing and the carburetor or intake manifold. Air filter that sit atop the carburetor should have a gasket between the filter housing and the carburetor.

These gaskets are often made of rubber. If it is there, do not replace it.

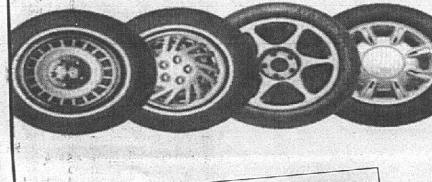
If it is in place, check for signs of uneven contact and replace the gasket if it appears air may seep through. Make sure that there is a good seal between remote-mounted filters and the engine has no leaks.

It is also possible for air

leaks to develop in the engine itself. In the ATZ case of cars with carburetors, vacuum leaks on the engine's intake manifold are hard to ignore since they will cause the car to run rough. Also, many accessories are vacuum-operated.

For example, if the cruise control works erratically, if the hood will not open from due to floor to defrost, or if the power brakes become hard to use, a vacuum leak may be the cause. But these leaks affect more than just accessories. They also may impede operation of the brakes in addition to exposing the engine to potentially damaging dust.

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Cars now a necessity for our lives

America has now passed the 100th anniversary of the automobile, commemorating more than a century-long love affair between owners and their cars.

Once a luxury for the elite, the motor vehicle now is a basic necessity that totally dominates our lifestyles. Today, there are more registered motor vehicles than licensed drivers. The average American household owns two cars and spends more than 17 percent of its budget on transportation.

A major player in the ownership of the automobile, often taken for granted, is the person who fixes it. After all, the same holds true today as it did 100 years ago: if the automobile is properly cared for by its owner, it will provide

a level of personal freedom, mobility, enjoyment and convenience like no other mode of transportation.

Fixing a problem on your automobile quickly and correctly the first time has always been and always will be a positive factor in the total auto ownership experience.

Enter the repair technician, once referred to as a mechanic, carriage counselor of sorts, who keeps the romance alive between the owner and machine through periodic service, maintenance and repair.

In the old days if a mechanic could fix one car, he could fix them all. Today, there are more than 500,000 light vehicle variations in makes, model, style and engine. Onboard electronic control modules

regulate engines, suspension, anti-lock brake systems, air bags, traction control and a host of other features.

In the future, computer-controlled systems will expand to include the variable pitch cooler and ground effects panels, on-board navigational systems, infrared windshields for better night and weather vision and smart seats that adjust to voice commands.

The demand for higher levels of customer satisfaction combined with federal regulations, have created the need for a new approach to service and repair. Therefore, the manufacturer, the motivated young people to join the ranks of automotive service and repair is a necessity.

We're keeping our cars longer

Remember when we thought about trading the old car in when it got to be about 10 years old? These people did in the mid-1970s. New car fever has calmed down considerably as new car prices soar; with an average new car sale, including tax, now beyond \$20,000, average car age now is 8.3 years.

A new Ford in 1934 cost \$785 complete with heater and bumper guard. This is the car, incidentally, driven by Bonnie and Clyde when they made their getaway from Topeka.

They drove it 7,500 miles in 23 days before their fatal ambush in Louisiana.

Whether or not you plan to run it forever, as some people

vow they'll do, or keep the car just a little longer, getting care of its maintenance is a must. Generally, your most economical transportation is the vehicle you already own. So fixing it makes good economic sense.

It certainly pays in terms of safety and driving efficiency, emphasizes the Car Care Council which advocates investing in needed maintenance a few thousand miles too soon rather than too late.

Why jeopardize the safety of performance of your vehicle by delaying needed repairs until the 11th hour when you know you'll inevitably be spending that money anyway.

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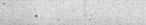
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News

Area priests providing national commentary for papal visit, mass

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

Every Sunday, the Rev. Mike Campbell delivers his religious sermons to some 2,500 parishioners.

This week the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in St. Louis is gaining a whole new audience, and a very big one at that.

Campbell is one of 18 local clergy who are serving as commentators for various media outlets during Pope John Paul II's visit here.

Campbell is the only priest working with an out-of-state television organization.

He is providing commentary for WNBC, the New York NBC-owned station. It serves three states: New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The station has potential viewership of 36 million people.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, Campbell will write New York news texts. At 8 p.m. St. Louis time, Campbell completed his first live broadcast to New York. He has been on the air several times since.

Before he went on camera for the first time, Campbell admitted he was a bit nervous.

"But it's great to bring the Holy Father's message to the East Coast," Campbell said.

Campbell, like all those who

don the cloth, are trained to be public speakers. His background, though, does not include broadcasting. Before the visit, the Archdiocese of St. Louis took all of its commentator clergy through a six-hour crash course.

Dave Spotsanski of the Archdiocese, one of the local television stations are relying on priests as commentators. Several radio stations have enlisted their help as well.

There are further connections to Campbell's parish at South Kingshighway Boulevard and Rhodes Avenue. The Rev. Michael Doherty, pastor-in-residence at Our Lady of Sorrows and director of secondary education for the archdiocese, is a commentator for KMOV-TV (Channel 2).

The Rev. John Vieri, associate pastor at the church, is providing commentary for Metro Radio, which provides news to many stations. He also is hosting an Internet chat session on the Microsoft Network.

Steve Mamanella, a spokesman with the archdiocese, said the roles of these priests play this week are important.

"These commentators are able to communicate a positive message that is unique," he said.

Campbell and his

counterparts are doing more than 15-second sound bites. During the Mass today at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Campbell will describe many of the rituals. He also will comment on the pope's sermon.

"I can help comment on the pope's message to different people," Campbell said.

"There are so many people of different faiths who are interested in the pope." The Kiel youth rally, Campbell helps interview young people as families. Throughout the two days of the visit, the New York affiliate is broadcasting live. Taped segments are being broadcast during news bulletins and regular news shows.

Campbell said he is anxious to be a bit of a local ambassador to people in the New York region.

"It's an opportunity to bring the excitement of St. Louis to a lot of people," he said.

That his voice and image may be zapped into millions of homes, Campbell said this is not the most important task he has undertaken in his 20 years of ministry. His other duties entail celebrating Mass, conducting baptisms, visiting the sick and burying the dead. "The things I do as a priest, that's really the most significant part of my life," Campbell said.

Graham Crusade organizing gets started

By Jim Merkel
Staff writer

While Pope John Paul II is in St. Louis, plans are under way for the visit of another major religious leader to the area later this year.

A series of 18 informational meetings will take place at churches throughout the St. Louis area next week. Let the faithful know more about the Greater St. Louis Billy Graham Crusade, set for Oct. 14 through 17 at the Trans

World Domine.

The crusade established an office in St. Louis on Jan. 11. Scott Lenning, director of the St. Louis crusade, said Graham is coming at the request of area Christian leaders.

"Now we work with churches to help them get organized for the crusade," he said.

By the time of the crusade, the organizers want to recruit and train 20,000 volunteers to do tasks from counseling,

ushering and singing in the choir. Organizers are seeking participation from 750 to 1,000 churches.

During the two-hour informational schools from Feb. 1 through 6, followers will receive free printed material and see an inspirational video, entitled "The Crusade Story."

Those interested in more information, including the location of a meeting, may call the Greater St. Louis Billy Graham Crusade office at (314) 426-1999.

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Food & Nutrition

Heart-y Bites

Grandma took advantage of plentiful fresh vegetables to pile her family's plates high. INSIDE

Blue Ribbon Cook

Pile easy pie with ham and cheese for savory meal. INSIDE

Test Run

Jell-O bubbles with sparkly pride in new flavors. INSIDE

Micro Raves

Chili was an element that helped warm guests in towns bordering Mexico. INSIDE

Lively Taste

For blackened fish, dip 4 fish fillets (1 pound total) in combined 1 teaspoon black pepper, 1 teaspoon oregano, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, 1/2 teaspoon paprika and 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper. Cook until fish flakes easily with a fork. If desired, first prepare 2 cups stuffing mix and spread on one side of fish, roll up and secure with toothpicks.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Increased frequency of urination, weight loss, an increased urge to eat, blurred vision, excessive thirst, tingling of hands and feet or slow-healing wounds can be symptoms of diabetes. Anyone who experiences any or several of these signs should contact a doctor for a definitive diagnosis.

Fresh Picks

When it comes to battling winter colds, vitamin C often is the weapon of choice. The best food sources of vitamin C are citrus fruits, such as orange juice for starters, plus cantaloupe, strawberries, kiwifruit, tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, greens and green bell pepper. Juice often has vitamin C added, but don't count on any extra because the label says so. Drinks that promote cranberry or orange flavor vary greatly on this. If kept refrigerated and tightly covered, orange juice keeps its flavor and vitamin C up to 6 months. Frozen juice concentrate holds vitamin C a year. Exposure to air diminishes the vitamin and flavor in the juice, so always store it in a clean container with a tight-fitting lid. Vitamin C is lost in cooking water, so steam, boil or microwave vegetables instead of boiling them.

Big Fat Tip

It takes little added fat to stir-fry shrimp. For 4 servings, start by marinating 1-1/4 pounds in 2 tablespoons soy sauce 10 minutes. In hot wok or heavy skillet, cook the shrimp in 2 tablespoons oil over medium heat 2 to 4 minutes. Remove shrimp. Add 4 to 6 cups vegetables, cut in bite-size pieces, along with 1 teaspoon sesame oil, another 1/2 teaspoon oil and a sprinkling of grated ginger. Cook 4 to 6 minutes, or as long as needed to cook until tender-crisp. Return shrimp to pan. If desired toss in 1 to 2 teaspoons cornstarch, as well as more soy sauce. Cover and steam 1 to 2 minutes longer.

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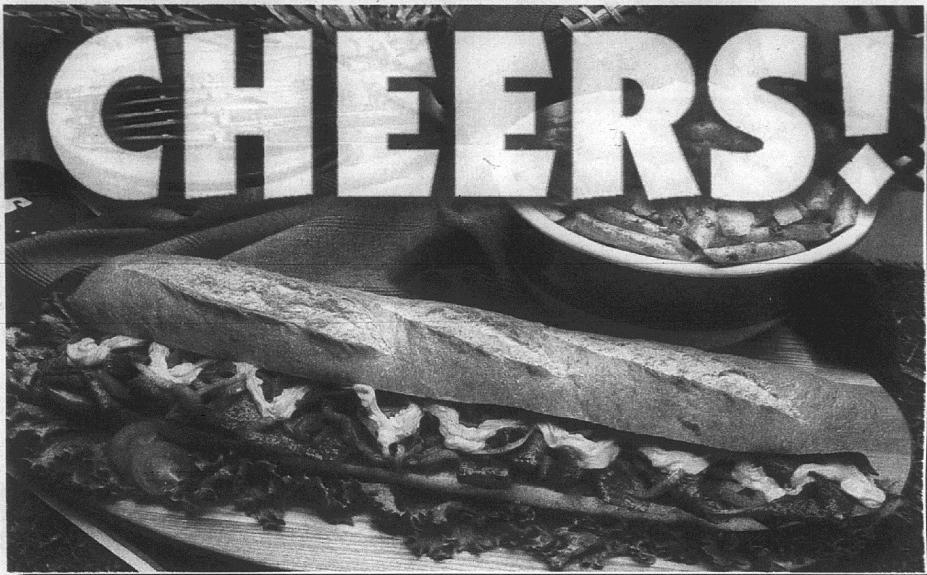
French fries and mashed potatoes have fueled car numbers for a long time, but researchers in Vienna are looking to put a potato in their gas tank. The theory is the same as using corn for fuel. Cars are not picky eaters. They use any kind of potato whose sugars are fermentable. The Austrian researchers decided not to fund the local ethanol plant, a staffer at the Auckland Institute of Technology in Australia was recruited to continue research into the alternative fill-up. Source: Sunday Star Times of New Zealand.

Today's Food

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Fan food runs up score for big win

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Whether a fan is fond of football or football chow, Super Bowl weekend culminates the sport's season.

From dips to desserts, food at a football party is the snackable, totable, munchable kind. It can be made just for two people, an Atlanta fan and a personal belief on Denver's behalf, or for a tailgate or a party for a crowd.

Bowl of nacho chips and salsa, it alongside carrots and celery sticks, kept fresh and crisp until game time wrapped in a damp paper towel, then placed in plastic sandwich bags in the refrigerator.

If you're at a party, plastic sandwich bags also work for carrying dips. When it's time to serve them, snip off a corner and pipe it onto veggies or crackers.

Finger foods do not only include chips and peanuts. Depending on the crowd, an array of cut-up veggies, olives, pretzels, fresh grapes and chunks of melon can be part of the game plan.

There is no reason to fuss with "serving." Let everyone gather 'round coolers or a sink lined with ice, dipsticks in hand, and mush of chili or soup simmer over very low heat on the stove until it is time for ladling the food focus of halftime into bowls.

It is thought that the most ardent ardent fans of the Denver's team will eat over without looking, but suffice it to say many fans still opt for a sneaky play that runs past the table to check the audibles crying out from the most crowded section of the room.

Ingredients like those in Touchdown Spread sell the most tickets. Just mix 2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese with 1 jar (4 ounces) sliced or diced pimento and 1/4 cup each mayonnaise and 1 tablespoon spicy steak sauce. The spread can be made up to 2 days ahead and refrigerated until time for serving it on crackers.

For a new version of a dessert that has

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Sweet Success Sandwiches

Kids can help make a Super Bowl party a sweet success with these dessert-type treats.



Today's Food



Food in Russia during winter relies on hearty vegetables — onion, beets, carrots, potatoes and cabbage — all part of colorful Vegetable Borscht.

Russian cuisine expands appreciation of vegetables

By Melanie Polk
Correspondent

If Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Kiev are the only Russian dishes in the home repertoire, it is time to tour this hearty and wholesome cuisine.

GOOD FOOD, GOOD HEALTH Cabbage, Russia's national vegetable, dominates. Cabbage soup (*shchi*) is a staple. Russia's most famous soup, however, is borscht — a hot, red, steaming dish made from beets.

Traditional Russian bread is a black rye bread. The staple breakfast food is a cooked grain called kasha. Russians also love blini, little pancakes that could easily be other delicacies.

Russia is known as the land of the potato, too. Root vegetables — including

onions, carrots and beets — help Russians survive long winters when access to fresh vegetables is limited.

These vegetables commonly are served chopped in winter salads, sometimes mixed with meat, fish or hard-cooked eggs. Cucumber pickles are eaten for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tomatoes, when not in season, are usually preserved as pickles, too. Mushrooms, popular in Russian cuisine, are served often as side dishes.

Root cellars contain apples and pears, but other fruits are served as

preserve and compotes during the long months when the fresh ones cannot be obtained. For dessert, Russians often eat a pureed concoction called kisel, which they make with fruits, such as apples, apricots, strawberries, cranberries or rhubarb.

As in any cuisine, some ingredients should be enjoyed only moderately when sampling Russian cooking. Be wary of dollops of sour cream frequently added to almost any type of dish, soups, salads, vegetables, fish, meat, eggs, stew or dessert. Other popular, high-fat Russian foods include sausage, savory pies (*pirog*) and egg dishes.

Registered dietitian
Melanie Polk reviews this material for the American Institute for Cancer Research, Washington, D.C.

VEGETABLE BORSCHT

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 large beets, peeled, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, sliced
- 1 large potato, peeled, cubed
- 1/2 cups beef or chicken stock
- 1/2 small head cabbage, shredded
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp. dill weed
- 1 tsp. salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 3 tbsp. light sour cream or plain yogurt

In large saucepan, bring onion, beets, carrots, potato and water to boil. Simmer, covered, 30 minutes, skimming foam if necessary.

Add cabbage, tomato, parsley and dill. Simmer 30 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender.

Season with salt, pepper, a touch of lemon juice. Top each serving with 1 teaspoon sour cream.

Makes 8 servings, 60 calories and 1 g fat each.

GRAPEFRUIT COCKTAIL

Cut 3 large grapefruit in half crosswise. Using curved grapefruit or paring knife, cut around each section, loosening from membrane. Remove center core. Remove every other section.

Fill each empty section with a medium shrimp, cooked, shelled, deveined, tail hanging over edge of fruit (about 36 total) and thin slice of avocado (2 avocados, peeled).

Fill center of each grapefruit with Russian thousand island salad dressing. Garnish with parsley sprig.

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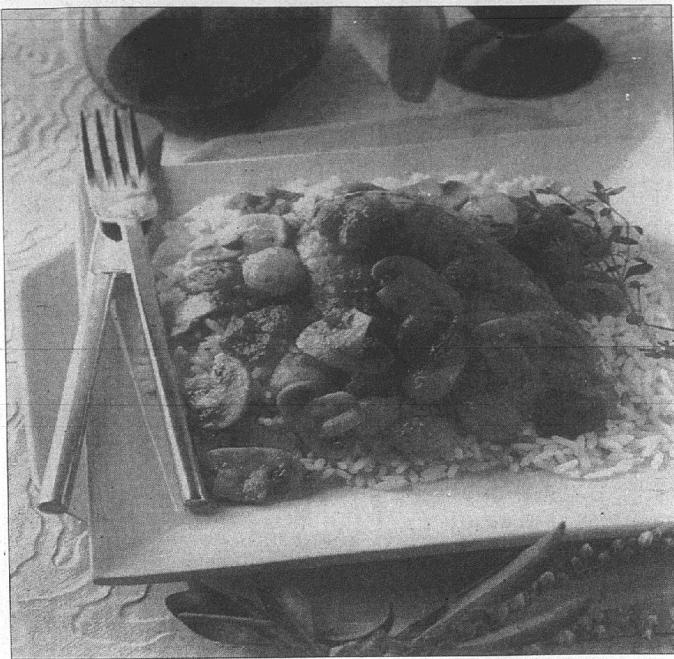
Combine 2 cups milk, 1/2 cup chocolate drink powder, 1/4 cup sugar and 2 envelopes

unflavored gelatin in small saucepan. Bring to boil over medium-high heat, stirring often, until smooth. Pour into 8-inch-square pan. Cool to room temperature.

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Today's Food



A '90s version of Chicken Marengo pairs fresh white mushrooms with chicken and fragrant garlic and thyme.

BROCCOLI TOPPED WITH CHEESE

For flavor that stands up to broccoli and strong winter

vegetables, steam the veggie in a little olive oil flavored with garlic and red pepper flakes until just hot.

Paper-thin shavings of parmesan cheese on top of the broccoli soften with the heat of the broccoli.

Flavors pay off as bonus in classic meal updates

Oldie-but-goodie recipes stand heads above trendy dishes of the moment. Some of these classics, like Chicken Marengo and Beef Stroganoff, are well known by their popularized names. Now they are back, prepared with lighter, contemporary flair.

An abundance of fresh white mushrooms is the key, replacing some of the meat, while absorbing and preserving the rich flavor expected from these favorites.

Streamlining the cooking time is another secret to their success. As an added bonus, these make-overs have about half the calories and fat as the originals.

Chicken Marengo, created as a tribute to Napoleon's victory in that city, required lengthy simmering in its old-fashioned form. Now cooked in less than 30 minutes, the fragrance of garlic laces with thyme to whet the appetite.

Slimmed down with skinless, boneless chicken breast and heaps of mushrooms, this is a '90s dish with old-fashioned appeal.

Also making a new, slimmer appearance is today's version of Beef Stroganoff.

Named for the Russian diplomat, Count Stroganov, this typically high-cholesterol dish gets its more slenderizing,

creamy sauce from low-fat sour cream. By slicing the lean beef paper-thin, it cooks in minutes.

Again, chunky quartered mushrooms in this version mean less meat is needed to achieve the recipe's characteristic heartiness.

Fresh white mushrooms make these recipes happen. To keep them at their flavorful best, refrigerate in a paper bag.

If they are purchased in a package, remove the plastic wrap and cover the mushrooms with a paper towel.

1 tsp. minced garlic
1/2 tsp. thyme, crushed
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 can (14 oz.) diced tomato
1/2 cup dry white wine
Steamed rice, if desired

In Dutch oven over high heat, cook chicken in hot oil, stirring once, about 3 minutes on each side until browned on both sides. Remove chicken.

Add mushrooms, onion and garlic.

Cook and stir about 10 minutes until mushrooms are golden.

Return chicken to skillet. Stir in thyme, salt and pepper.

Add undrained tomato and wine.

Bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, about 10 minutes until chicken is tender, stirring occasionally.

CHICKEN MARENGO

1/2 cup olive oil
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/4 lb.)
12 oz. white mushrooms, sliced (about 5 cups)
2 cups frozen pearl onions, thawed

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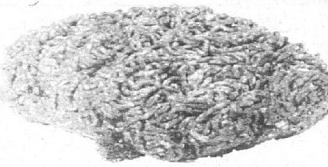
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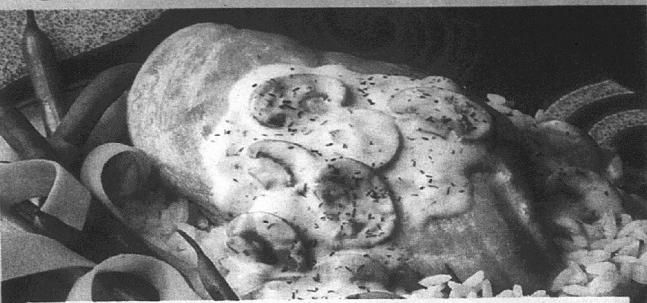
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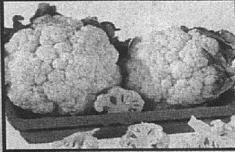
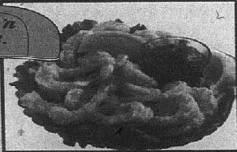
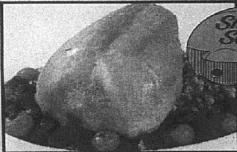
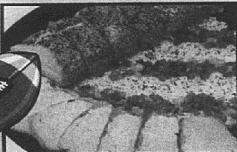
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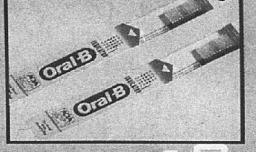
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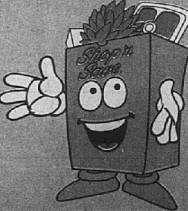
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Volkswagen offers its VR-6 in Jetta GLS

By Tom Strongman



Engine: 2.8-liter, six-cylinder
Transmission: Five-speed
Wheelbase: 107.3 inches
Curb Weight: 3,197 pounds
Base Price: \$33,970
Price as Driven: \$37,816
MPG Estimate: 20 city, 29 highway

as well as the European Audi A3 and the upcoming Audi TT coupe. It slots into VW's lineup just under the Passat and above the soon-to-be-available 1999 Golf. Styling is more familiar resemblance to the Passat.

The Jetta is available in GL, GLS and GLX models. Prices start at \$16,995 for the GL with a 115-horsepower, 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine and range to \$23,500 for the luxurious GLX with the 2.8-liter, 174-horsepower VR-6.

In between lies the GLS, which is likely to be volume seller. It comes with all-wheel drive, heated outside mirrors, eight-speaker stereo and tilt-telescoping steering wheel. This year it also is available with the optional VR-6 engine, which was how our test car was equipped. Its base price was \$19,950.

The 1.9-liter TDI diesel engine will be available later in the year.

Compared to comparably equipped 1998s, prices are up only \$30. Features such as power seats, 15-inch wheels, telescoping steering column, height-adjustable passenger seat and folding key with remote entry are standard. Anti-lock brakes are standard across the board.

The 2.8-liter VR-6 engine is an absolute gem. This extremely compact power plant is mounted transversely and drives the front wheels. Maximum horsepower is 174, which makes the Jetta feel like a general quick little sedan. The engine makes power over a wide range, so that dipping into the throttle at just about any speed results in a lively sense of acceleration. I frequently found myself pulling along on the highway quite briskly because wind and road noise have been very well concealed.

The five-speed manual transmission enables the driver to make the most of the engine. Its linkage is smooth and firm.

With a car whose personality is as understated as the GL's, it's up to the driver to make the most of it. While the suspension has been tuned for a reasonably soft ride, handling is sharper than most compact sedans. A sport package with larger, 16-inch wheels is available for enthusiastic drivers who want to choose it.

Continuing the theme set with the Audi A4, the Jetta's interior is a model of understatement and simplicity. The seats are comfortable and good support.

The top portion of the instrument panel is finished in a dull-black, leather-like texture that kills reflections and adds a touch of class.

The rest of the dash and seats in our dark-red test car were a light cream color, and I noticed a few soil marks around the door pulls already, indicating that perhaps the black interior would be a better choice over the long haul.

I have only a few complaints about the Jetta's interior panel. No in-dash CD player is available, and I found that I struggled to reach the temperature knobs because they reside behind the gearshift lever. This is less of a problem with an automatic transmission because the lever is in a more central place. Oh, yes, the radio is overly complicated, and the buttons are rather small, too. If I had my way I would move both up a couple of inches and the storage bin sit underneath.

At night, instruments have iridescent blue numbers with red needles, a color scheme inspired by airport runway lights. The radio and one that takes some getting used to.

The foldable back seat has headrests and three-point belts for all three seat positions. The pass-through from the rear to the middle is small in order to preserve the rigidity of the back structure, which is one of the Jetta's best qualities.

There are air bags, both front and side, and side bags are built into the seat backs.

Throughout the Jetta, attention to detail, such as the thin, precise lines between body panels and doors, is evident. The car is a well-made machine, if not. Folks who want a small German sedan with a sporting character will enjoy this one. Hard-core performance types should wait for the GM Cielo later this year.

The base price for our test car was \$19,950. Options included power sun roof, alloy wheels and heated leather seats.

The sticker price was \$22,325.

The warranty is for two years or 24,000 miles. All scheduled service during that period is free. The powertrain warranty is for 10 years or 100,000 miles.

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Winter driving easier if one plans ahead

By Rick Stoff

Our nasty January storms turned out to be a driving test for many of us. As we travel around the St. Louis area, it appeared most of us did quite well.

Sure, a few people skidded off the road, but most drivers I saw driving in the ice and snow seemed to be practicing prudence and caution.

But some of you sport-utility drivers need to remember your four-wheel-drive can't help you slow down or turn on all four tractors going too fast on a hidden patch of ice or glaze. Four-wheel-drive can't suspend certain laws of physics: A large vehicle mass going too fast in the absence of traction may spin out of control regardless of driveline configuration.

For starters, we've determined four-wheel-drive vehicles may incur a higher rate of accidents in bad conditions because their drivers work up more confidence than may be warranted.

"Stopping quickly in winter on snow-covered or icy roads is next to impossible," says a state highway patrol said in a list of winter driving tips it issued before the storm.

"Plan ahead by increasing your following distance as you drive. Leave as many as two to three car lengths between you and the vehicle in front of you for each 10 miles per hour you are driving," the patrol said.

A number of vehicles stranded during the worst of the storm days appeared to have been felled not by spins or collisions but by mechanical failures. Very cold weather, particularly subzero temperatures, can put many parts of a car or truck under severe strain.

"Have a mechanic check your battery, heater, defroster, lights, brakes, oil, tires, wipers and fluid levels before traveling," the patrol said.

Mobil Oil Co. also advises you to take it easy on your engine until it is well warmed at the start of a trip. The company says a cold engine does not fully volatilize fuel, so much of it can end up in the crankcase, diluting the oil and creating the risk of engine damage. The company says many short winter trips may justify extra oil changes.

Throwing some emergency supplies in the car or truck this time of year may not be a bad idea. While we don't have the vast open, untravelable spaces of the west, there are times still plenty of places in Missouri and Illinois where a car could become stranded out of sight during a bad winter storm. Even in urban areas, there occasionally are incidents in which a skid off the road leaves a car hidden by trees, ditches or snow.

The following tips say every car kit should include an ice scraper, tire chains, battery booster cables, flashlight and a bag of sand. Some extra warm clothes are a great addition, too, if your car is disabled or stranded at a remote location during busy times when the wrecker and safety crews may be backed up for hours.

If you are stranded for an extended period of time, be careful about keeping the vehicle's engine running to create heat. Carbon monoxide is an odorless poison that can sicken or kill surreptitiously. If it is necessary to keep the engine running, keep a window or two cracked open to make sure you are breathing fresh, outside air.

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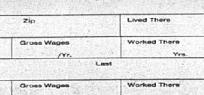
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